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The preliminary amendment filed with this Application is improper and internally inconsistent. The amendment is improper because the marked-up version of the claims is presented as the amendment. The amendments should be presented as a set of replacement claims followed by a marked-up version of the claims as amended. *See Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, 54637-40, 54672-73 (Sept. 8, 2000).* This new amendment practice became mandatory for all amendments on March 1, 2001. *See Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. at 54637.* The new amendment practice provides for amendment to the written description of the specification by way of a clean replacement paragraph or section and for amendment to the claims by way of clean replacement claims. *See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i) and (ii), 1.121(b)(2)(i) and (ii), and 1.121(c)(1)(i) (2001).* The new amendment practice also requires a marked up version of the replacement paragraph, section or claim showing the changes vis-a-vis the prior paragraph, section or claim (respectively). *See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), 1.121(b)(2)(iii), and 1.121(c)(1)(ii) (2001).*

The amendment is internally inconsistent because the marked-up version requires cancellation of claims 2, 8-19, 29-56, 60, yet the "clean" version requires cancellation of only claim 2. In order to avoid confusion, no amendments have been entered.


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